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GOVERNOR WILLIAM BOWEN CAMPBELL
(1807-1867)
PAPERS
1851-1853

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor William Bowen Campbell, who served from 1851-1853. It consists of two boxes, in thirteen folders, of materials that consist of correspondence, petitions for pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Bowen Campbell

- 1807 Born August 19, the first child of David and Catherine (Bowen) Campbell on his father's farm in Sumner County, Tennessee, within a few miles of Nashville. He studied law under the direction of his cousin Governor David Campbell of Abingdon, Virginia, and began the practice of his profession at Carthage, Tennessee.
- 1835 Married Frances Owen.
- 1836 William B. Campbell volunteered for the Seminole War and fought with gallantry as a Captain of a company in a regiment commanded by Col. William Trosdale. In the following year he defeated Trosdale in a campaign for the lower house of Congress despite the fact that the latter had the support of Ex-President Jackson.
- 1851 William Campbell was the gubernatorial Candidate of the Whigs, and again William Trosdale was his Democratic opponent. He was the last Whig governor of Tennessee.
- 1860 The final phase of his life began with the fateful presidential campaign. He gave his support to John Bell, the Union Candidate, he opposed secession and remained loyal to the Union throughout the war.
- 1865 Elected to the lower house of Congress, he supported the conservative policies of President Johnson.
- 1867 Died August 19.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

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| 1. Correspondence – General-Graham-Walker | 1851 |
| 2. Correspondence – General-Allen-Foster | 1852 |
| 3. Correspondence – General-Gaines-Tillson | 1852 |
| 4. Correspondence – General-Maupan-Young | 1852 |
| 5. Correspondence – General-Bell-Woodman | 1853 |
| 6. Miscellaneous Correspondence | 1852-1853 |

BOX 2

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| 1. Petitions for Pardon-Fle-Tin | 1851 |
| 2. Petitions for Pardon-Adk-Yat | 1852 |
| 3. Petitions for Pardon-Ada-War | 1853 |
| 4. Pardons – Atk-Min | 1851 |
| 5. Pardons – Bai-Van | 1852 |
| 6. Pardons – All-Usa | 1853 |
| 7. Requests for Extractions and Rewards – Bai-Dew | 1852 |

NAME INDEX

This index contains names of persons holding influential positions during the period. In some instances, however, correspondence is included because the content is important enough to warrant attention in the index. The figures in the parenthesis immediately following each name denote the total number of letters in the folder from that person. The identification of the writer and the site from where that letters were written are included whenever possible.

Box 1, Folder 2, 1852

Claybrooke, John S. (1) President Tennessee and Alabama Railroad Company, Franklin, Tennessee.

Johnson, Cool (1) S.S. Congressman, Clarksville, Tennessee.

Box 1, Folder 3, 1852

Bridley, Bomfield (1) Author, Carthage, Tennessee.

Box 1, Folder 4, 1853

Harris, Isham G. (1) Governor of Tennessee. Paris, Tennessee.